GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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Lok Adalats
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the effectiveness/ usefulness of Lok Adalats as alternative dispute resolution centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the number of various Lok Adalats organised during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of cases disposed of by these Adalats during the said period, State/ UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to organise more such Adalats on regular basis in future and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Chapters VI and VI A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 provide for conduct of Lok Adalats and Permanent Lok Adalats. A statement showing State/UT-wise details of total number of Lok Adalats held and number of cases disposed of in these Lok Adalats during each of the last three years and the current year in the country is at Annexure-I. Similarly, a statement showing National Lok Adalats organized so far and total numbers of cases disposed of by these National Lok Adalats is at Annexure-II. The total number of cases settled through these Lok Adalats demonstrate their usefulness.

(e) Yes, Madam. In order to reduce the pendency of cases in courts, the legal services institutions under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 organize weekly/ monthly and also mega Lok Adalats during the year. In addition, National Legal Services Authority has been organising National Lok Adalats since 23.11.2013 on various subject matters such as bank matters, Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, revenue/MNREGA/land acquisition cases, labour and family matters, motor accident compensation cases, insurance claims, electricity/water/ telephone/public utility disputes, compoundable criminal matters, traffic challans, petty matters and municipal matters as approved by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief of NALSA.

Annexure-I
Statement as referred to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1988 for 28.07.2016
regarding Lok Adalats
State-wise total number of Lok Adalats organized and number of cases disposed of by these Lok Adalats during the last three calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015 and the current year 2016 (upto March, 2016).

S. No	Name of the State Authorities	2013		2014		2015		2016 (upto March, 2016)	
		No. of Lok Adalats held	Total number of Cases Settled	No. of Lok Adalats held	Total number of Cases Settled	No. of Lok Adalats held	Total number of Cases Settled	No. of Lok Adalats held	Total number of Cases Settled
1	Andhra Pradesh	14,690	2,12,933	11,956	1,40,634	10754	183665	2917	38970
2	Arunachal Pradesh	34	624	20	544	49	446	8	194
3	Assam	52	62,114	40	98,470	89	60476	14	1895
4	Bihar	2,209	42,410	1,217	1,67,686	1980	393196	597	8890
5	Chhattisgarh	2,039	7,68,845	2,162	41,54,932	2109	1523657	507	88200
6	Goa	123	654	84	2,905	155	4173	42	703
7	Gujarat	10,973	2,23,270	11,839	3,74,241	13128	172363	3905	35667
8	Haryana	3,169	1,94,594	62,306	2,46,538	65451	201056	18797	57883
9	Himachal Pradesh	732	25,995	2,296	1,10,244	1472	103809	326	15290
10	Jammu & Kashmir	597	63,659	499	1,32,044	602	108792	146	4280
11	Jharkhand	1,360	1,44,989	4,079	42,60,524	4252	1424692	1254	22779
12	Karnataka	18,788	1,73,226	35,017	11,98,043	21514	1686496	4957	191454
13	Kerala	4,616	44,455	4,495	1,27,625	3747	243439	647	13096

14 Madhya Pradesh 1,683 20,52,228 1,517 43,25,522 1237 2618017 275 18799
15 Maharashtra 2,279 4,38,018 2,614 4,06,945 3764 323833 975 20667
16 Manipur 16 932 6 322 11 1667 17 872
17 Meghalaya 23 1,000 36 1,854 74 2888 31 309
18 Mizoram 43 402 101 619 78 987 19 525
19 Nagaland 27 1,737 31 1,324 74 1209 1 0
20 Odisha 1,054 3,74,443 1,113 1,09,445 1635 177344 342 49149
21 Punjab 3,388 3,67,160 3,249 2,59,530 4191 1238597 1161 299920
22 Rajasthan 25,804 3,20,058 21,593 3,63,485 18441 361896 1736 15562
23 Sikkim 239 1,152 371 775 325 1037 68 216
24 Tamil Nadu 5,733 14,59,974 5,613 40,58,694 4020 1153839 1384 39296
25 Telangana - - 3,381 1,52,238 5899 211588 1519 22033
26 Tripura 225 26,435 252 35,932 480 66141 164 19178
27 Uttar Pradesh 3,692 16,61,425 2,600 34,46,277 1547 3608529 167 135734
28 Uttarakhand 180 55,797 172 22,810 220 30109 61 7102
29 West Bengal 1,564 4,03,009 1,501 5,45,096 2154 789950 586 144029
30 A& N lslands 8 2,048 7 2,382 7 127 - -
31 U.T. Chandigarh 804 79,459 719 3,43,838 967 16656 254 1531
32 Dadra and Nagar Haveli 2 117 1 64 10 193 2 29
33 Daman and Diu 6 1,654 4 146 9 119 2 6
34 Delhi 1,200 4,09,541 1,097 1,27,415 1113 313205 224 6116
35 Lakshadweep 68 - 13 - - 0 - -
36 Puducherry 102 19,130 107 7,231 106 5711 25 567
TOTAL 1,07,522 96,33,487 1,82,108 252,26,374 1,71,664 170,29,902 43,130 12,60,941

Annexure- ll
Statement as referred to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1988 for 28.07.2016 regarding Lok Adalats
S.No. Date on which National Lok Adalats (NLA) organised Number of cases disposed of in National Lok Adalats (both pre-litigation and post-litigation cases)
1 23.11.2013 72,10,344
2 6 & 13.12.2014 449,17,663
3 14.02.2015 4,20,665
4 14.03.2015 41,92,313
5 11.04.2015 5,32,436
6 09.05.2015 & 13.06.2015 3,18,724
7 11.07.2015 8,73,752
8 08.08.2015 3,77,507
9 12.09.2015 5,79,477
10 10.10.2015 16,37,399
11 12.12.2015 (All types of cases) 135,69,441
12 13.02.2016 3,63,565
13 12.03.2016 14,25,819
14 09.04.2016 8,01,552
15 14.05.2016 & 11.06.2016 2,22,501
Total 749,93,286